

1. Who are you:

Individual/Business

2. Are you making a submission in relation to the proposals for a:

Specified Person (SP)

3. Please tick the sectors that apply to you:

Professional services

4. After reading about the proposed new eWHT system, how would you describe your overall reaction?

Very positive - I strongly support the proposed direction

5. What aspects of the proposed model appeal most to you, and why?

The changes will prevent Designated Withholders making errors in deductions and allocations of these deductions to incorrect forms of taxation. In my case this has happened two years in a row resulting in me having to double pay tax while a year end review is carried out by Revenue. In the first year this happened, the amount was approximately €3,000. This year I am awaiting a return of approximately €9,000 that I had to overpay.

6. What concerns or reservations do you have about the proposed approach?

None once the DW body is prevented from assigning the deduction to any other form of tax which should be a built in feature of the API

7. The proposed eWHT model seeks to expand withholding tax to payments to service providers where a suitable withholder exists. How do you feel generally about this type of expansion?

Not a problem. I have wondered in the past why some bodies are not assigned DW status when they employ contractors who, if providing services to similar bodies are subject to PSWT.

- 8. In relation to PSWT specifically, this currently applies to payments made by state and semi-state bodies for certain services. Do you have a view on how it is targeted and if the types of payments it applies to should be reviewed?**

Yes, a review should be carried out to ensure that all relevant bodies and organisations are brought into the fold. Please see earlier comment

- 9. Please indicate if you currently operate:**

- 10. From the perspective of a DW, how does the current application of PSWT and/or RCT impact on your business operations?**

- 11. If you are a Platform Operator, does your organisation have any experience of applying taxes to transactions, for services operating on your platform, in other jurisdictions? If yes, please provide information of the jurisdiction and details of the tax.**

- 12. From the perspective of a DW, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?**

- 13. What is your understanding of the withholding tax model of tax collection of RCT and PSWT and why it is applied to payments?**

- 14. The proposal aims to embed eWHT processes directly into accounting, payroll, or other business management systems. How beneficial do you think this would be for your business?**

15. In your view, what opportunities could embedding eWHT within natural business systems create for your business or the wider industry?

16. What challenges do you think your business might face in adopting this embedded within natural systems approach?

17. What is the estimated number of payments that you make to SPs each month?

18. Do you currently use software for processing payments and or managing the finances of your business? If so, what packages do you use?

19. Are you an employer for PAYE? If so, which software package do you use to report payroll taxes to Revenue?

20. Please indicate if you currently receive payments which are subject to deduction of:

Professional Services Withholding Tax (PSWT)

21. Where you are currently subject to PSWT and/or RCT, how does the current application of withholding taxes impact on your business operations?

Once the deductions are made correctly and assigned to PSWT, there have been no problems. I factor this into general cashflow and end of year returns to Revenue. However when the deductions are mis-assigned by the deducting organisation and assigned to VAT as in my case, it costs me additional money which Revenue say I own them but. in actual fact, I don't but I have to wait for them to complete the year end review. In the meantime, I am out of pocket!

22. From the perspective of a SP, what are your views on the application of RCT and/or PSWT, as the case may be?

Clear and easy to understand and operate from both supplier and utiliser of services. I have had the benefit of being in this position for many years in a past life and found it very straightforward once it is clearly explained to those impacted by the process.

23. What is your understanding of the withholding tax model of tax collection of RCT and PSWT and why it is applied to payments?

24. Where you are an SP operating as a corporate/partnership or other entity, do the current rates that apply to PSWT and RCT reflect your actual liability on the income received?

On average, yes as income can fall on a regular basis

25. The proposal aims to embed taxation directly into how you get paid by the DW. How beneficial do you think this would be for your business?

Fine with me as it contributes to the Revenue bill at year end

26. Where you are an SP operating as an individual worker, the proposal aims to implement personalised deduction rates (PDR), which means you will pay tax on your income as you go, similar to how employees are taxed under PAYE. What impact do you think PDR will have on your cashflow and financial management?

Fine as per previous comments

27. Do you think this new regime, including the PDR will have a positive effect on your end of year Income Tax return filing and preliminary tax payment obligations?

Yes it sounds like it will streamline the process

28. The accuracy of PDR is improved by the regular reporting by you to Revenue of your income and business expenses. How likely are you to report your income and expenses to improve the accuracy of your PDR?

very much so as there is a visible benefit in doing so

29. What changes do you expect to have to implement in your business in order to be ready for the proposed eWHT regime?

none as I am already familiar with the process

30. What benefits do you expect the new regime to have on your business processes, costs and delivery of your business services?

Hopefully the new system will remove the opportunity for errors by DWs

31. What would you consider a reasonable timeframe for your business to adapt to the proposed new system?

Ready now given past experience

32. How confident are you that your business could adapt to the new system within a reasonable timeframe?

very confident

33. In terms of the management of your business, which outcomes from this new regime are the most important for you? (Select a maximum of 3)

Increased accuracy of information submitted to Revenue

Greater certainty in relation to your tax affairs

Better visibility and control of information held by Revenue

34. What supports from Revenue would be of most benefit to you in transitioning to the new regime? (Select a maximum of 3)

Helpdesk or dedicated Revenue contact

Industry/professional body support

Mailshots and guidance on the Revenue website

35. Is there anything else you'd like to share about how the proposed eWHT system could best meet the needs of your business or sector?

Nothing to add

